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Trustees To Meet At Gorham

Tuition To Be Discussed At Thursday Session

Attorneys Henry Steinfeld and Charles Lane, hired by the UMP Student Senate to settle the tuition difference between Portland and Gorham, are scheduled to appear before the Board of Trustees in Gorham at about 9:30 a.m. this Thursday. Reliable sources indicate that any recommendation on tuition made by University of Maine Chancellor Donald McNeil to the Board will only be effective as of July, 1971.

The lawyers appearance will be part of a day-long session at Gorham. Also slated to be discussed are athletic scholarships, residency requirements for tuition, and proposals for appropriations to be submitted to the 105th Maine State Legislature.

A student contingent from UMP is expected to attend the Trustees' meeting.



UMP VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: Kneeling, L to R: Frank Bean, Soph.; Ernie Tarling, Soph.; Dick Rice, Soph.; Fred Newman, Sr., Co-Capt.; Marc Gagne, Jr.; Phil Page, Fr.; Mike Valliere, Soph. Standing, L to R: Stan Newell, Fr.; Bill Sanborn, Soph.; Jay Lamont, Soph.; Dennis Halsey, Soph.; Mark Filson, Fr.; Andy Dufort, Jr., Co-Capt.; John Dennison, Fr.; Mel Searles, Soph.; Coach Dick Sturgeon.

HEP To Hold Conference On Maine Higher Education

A two-day state-wide conference will be held by the Higher Education Planning Commission (HEP) in Bangor on December 13 and 14. The announcement was made jointly by HEP Chairman U.S. Circuit Judge Frank M. Coffin and Dr. Edward Y. Blewett, who will be the coordinator of the conference, in a November 20 press conference in the office of University of Maine Chancellor Donald R. McNeil.

According to Judge Coffin, the purpose of the conference will be three-fold; to determine the place of higher education in Maine, to determine needs of higher education in the next ten to fifteen years, and to identify the goals and a time limit to meet each goal.

The center of interest of the conference will be around the presentation and discussion of four separate papers by their respective authors. The contributors and the subject matters will include:

Philip M. Savage, State Planning Director, "Goals, Objectives and Policies for the Physical, Economic and Social Development of Maine;" Dean H. Fisher, Commissioner of Health and Welfare, "Health and Welfare, Leonard Nelson, Chairman, Maine Commission on the Arts and Humanities, "Cultural Matters;" and Stanley J. Evans, member, Governor's Task Force on Human Rights, "Human Rights."

Among those invited to the conference are businessmen, labor leaders, newsmen, students from the University of Maine Association of Student Senates (UMASS), department of education members, and representatives of Maine Indians, the NAACP, Model Cities, and senior citizens.

Coffin spoke briefly of the work of the HEP Commission to date. Draft reports of the Commissions's report are currently available to HEP members. The draft will be made available.

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Community College Challenged

The Community College concept and the School of General and Interdisciplinary Studies (SCOGIS) were the two main areas of discussion in hearings held by the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Organization on its first draft Thursday and Friday, November 19 and 20.

The Community College came under questioning at several of its points. Some faculty members and students doubted whether the decision to hire a separate non-doctoral faculty for the

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Pre-Registration Starts Today

Pre-registration for the spring semester starts today at the Registrar's office. All day students are urged to pre-register.

Material for pre-registration is available in the Registrar's office.

The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, Dec. 4, this week.



"THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR!"

Eric the Red - 1000 A.D.
from a Viking Chronicle

Editorials

Academic Report Good Start

Despite some serious reservations about the placement and constitution of the Community College and lingering doubts concerning other aspects of the report, we feel, overall, the initial draft of the Academic Organization Committee is a step in the right direction.

We find no argument with the concept of the Community College as envisioned by the committee. We do, however, think further study should be done as to its eventual physical location. The Board of Trustees and the Higher Education Planning commission (HEP) have both indicated that a two-year vocationally oriented school of this type is most needed outside of the immediate Portland area. Two suggested locations have been York and Androscoggin counties.

We are also a bit sceptical about the seemingly strong emphasis for non-doctoral faculty in the Community College. We would be the first to agree that formal education alone is neither the best nor only developer of a good teacher, but just as the UMP Associate Business program currently uses faculty from the 4-year business program, so, we believe, could the Community College do the same. Fields of study sometimes have to be physically separated to better serve the students, but that should not preclude the cross-utilization of faculty, such as will be the case between Gorham and Portland. Two-year community college students deserve, perhaps more so than their 4-year counterpart, the best teaching quality and opportunity to capitalize on their abilities that is possible.

Another sizable aspect of the report which bothers us is the School of Law. It is our understanding that that section of the report was prepared by one person, and that person was a member of the Law School! Two items should receive close and detailed study as regards the Law School. One, the percentage of in-state vs. out-of-state admissions should be spelled out; and secondly, evening and part-time programs must be seriously considered. Since the Law School is now part of UMPG, it must be subjected to control in providing services and opportunity for UMPG part and full-time students.

Our criticisms of parts of the report are strong, but are not negative, as we have suggested alternatives. In short, we find the document generally acceptable as a start towards creating the university center in Maine.

Time For Football

In the past few weeks there has been a minor flurry of activity on the question of organized football at UMPG. A Gorham student called a meeting of all those interested in club-football; Dr. Richard Costello, athletic director of UMPG, expressed a positive interest in the sport and the question was brought up at least once at the Academic Committee's open hearings of two weeks ago.

Although we recognize the expenditure of money to start an athletic activity such as Football is high, we feel the benefits of such a program are many and real. School spirit and esprit de corps both of which have been somewhat diminished by a loss of school identification resulting from the merger, could be restored by a common sports event such as football. High school football, which generates an active and enthusiastic following is predominantly centered in southern Maine. UMPG's institution of the sport would in all probability attract these same fans as well as the young athletes graduating from the area high schools. In addition, any attention focused on a college activity increases the support for that school in other areas. Since UMPG is a new university, its potential for growth in traditional and innovative programs will be, in large part, effected by community support.

We believe a high priority should be given to the establishing of intercollegiate football at UMPG. We recommend a joint committee of Gorham and Portland representatives to iron out the details of implementation. In the interim, we urge patrons of the sport to make their views known to the school and to this newspaper.

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Last Call For Textbooks

The UMP Bookstore is in the process of readying extra textbooks to be sent back to the publishers. Any student who has not yet purchased a required book is urged to do so as soon as possible.

Letters to the Editor

SELF-RESTRAINT, NOT GREED

To the Editor:

I had the honor of making your "Quotes of the Week" column on November 16, but unfortunately your reporter missed my point. I was not stating a preference between equal tuitions and higher faculty salaries. Both are surely fine things. I was suggesting that the backers of a Spring 1971 tuition adjustment ought to consider the problems that this would create for the University. To illustrate, I said that while I personally might be even more interested in equalizing alleged Portland-Gorham salary differences, I had no intention of clamoring for immediate equalization or of suing the University. Thus my theme was self-restraint, not, as your quote might suggest, greed.

Craig Dietrich
Assistant Professor of History

IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM?

To the Editor:

The Viking has insulted the quality of Gorham's education and the intelligence of its students repeatedly over the past few months, but your Nov. 9 issue was the last straw. I refer to the article by Eddie Beard in which he questions the comparative competence of three of our instructors. Mr. Beard wants so desperately to prove Portland's superiority that he completely abandons logic, pointing to practically irrelevant facts. Mr. Beard would have us believe that a degree and a certain amount of experience is an accurate measure of a man's ability as a teacher. To follow his logic we would have to say that all teachers with equivalent degrees and experience are equally competent teachers. Absurd! After he serves us that gem, he proceeds to slaughter his own theory by comparing two full professors, Dr. Noel Paradise of Gorham and Dr. John Bishop of Portland, concluding that "Dr. Bishop is eminently more qualified than all three 'professors' at Gorham."

Mr. Beard has committed three serious errors. First, he made a poor assumption in equating degrees with ability. What is most important in a teacher is not his schooling but how well he puts across his information and how up-to-date he keeps his material. Second, his comments about the Gorham instructors were downright slanderous and totally irresponsible. To evaluate the competence of any of the instructors would necessitate sitting in on a great many

classes, which I seriously doubt if Mr. Beard has done. Third, Mr. Beard is engaging in childish bickering, along with most of The Viking staff. You remind me of a child who receives a fire engine for Christmas. When he goes to his friend's house to show off his new toy, he discovers that his friend has one just like it. To preserve his dignity he insists that his fire engine is better than his friend's, even though they are identical. UMP students have discovered that Gorham is every bit as good as Portland and it's hard for them to accept.

It's time for The Viking to stop indulging in such irresponsible journalism. Instead of increasing animosities between the two campuses, why don't you make the best of the situation and use your position to help bring us together. Admit that both campuses have a great deal to offer each other!

Gail White
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(Editor' Reply)

Miss White's argument is well-taken and we appreciate her response to the "In Loco Parentis" column. We would point out, however, that opinions expressed by Viking columnists are just that and do not necessarily reflect editorial opinion of the newspaper. We have strived to separate opinion from fact, column from news story, and thus do not feel we have engaged in "irresponsible journalism."



In Loco Parentis

by Eddie L. Beard

This week faculty and administrators may relieve themselves while this columnist reviews his fellow students at the Gorham campus. Before vacation the Gorham Observer attacked this columnist and The Viking and said that if we did not want to work for the merger than to leave the university. The respect which I have had for Scott Alloway (Observer Editor) went down the drain with that remark.

Consistently Gorham students have failed to understand the merger. In the beginning they were hoodwinked into believing that somehow GSC would be elevated in stature if it

merged with Portland. The truth is that if UMPG could come close to a reputation in liberal arts that Gorham has enjoyed in teacher education the merger would be a success; but this is not in the offering. In fact, teacher education is close to being de-emphasized. It now constitutes 57% of the students of UMPG. With four other state colleges it is not believed at the highest level that there is a need for a major teacher education program in southern Maine.

Thirty students from Gorham at a meeting last year with Trustee Arthur Benoit were asked if they believed in increased enrollment and scholarships for the needy. They naively voted yes not realizing that Benoit would take the vote as support for an increase in tuition. It was that increase that doubled Gorham's tuition rate. The Gorham students rallied behind the merger naively not realizing that the Chancellor would propose an increase of Gorham's tuition to \$350 for next year.

Last week the Gorham Student Senate attempted to ratify a first draft of the report on Academic Organization. The only thing they did ratify was their own naivete. This naivete was further exemplified at the last advisory committee meeting. The Gorham representatives were pushed under the table while the committee proceeded to recommend equalization of tuition with the understanding that there would be an increase in Gorham's tuition. The Gorham Senate President, who I consider most capable, resigned as chairman of the Tuition Committee because of this move against the Gorham campus.

The Gorham students were naive on the diploma issue. Last year, I worked with Gorham President Kenneth Brooks and Dick Dyer on the proposal that was presented to the Chancellor. Many students entered Gorham State in order to get a diploma from that school. Why, because of the merger, should these students be denied the fine reputation that Gorham State College carries throughout the East? It was proposed that current Gorham students be allowed to choose between the two diplomas. For Portland students the choice would be only the "University of Maine" or the new name. On a recent decision by the Trustees, the Gorham students lost out. Even though they entered for the GSC degree, they will not be allowed to have it. Other universities have used the grandfather clause with change of names, but this one will not because of poor legal counsel.

Ever since Gorham students backed the merger they have been stepped upon. The problem now lies in what they intend to do about it. Demand that GSC be left on the diplomas of currently enrolled students!

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THE UMPG PLANT DEPARTMENT, in response to student complaints, resurfaced the dirt entrance to the UMP Bedford St. parking lot.

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Business Club to Hold Dinner

By Jeff Gray

Friday of this week the Business Club will hold its second banquet at 7:00 p.m. in the College Room of Payson Smith Hall. A delicious ham dinner will be served by the cafeteria staff and a panel discussion on "Your Financial Future" will follow the dinner. For those who are interested, tickets may be obtained this week at the Career Information Center on the second floor of Luther Bonney Hall.



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Volunteers Needed For Health Survey

Student volunteers are needed to survey families for a UMP sponsored health survey in the East End of Portland.

Volunteers, who will work 3 to 5 hours for three consecutive Saturdays, are urged to report to Room 202 Payson Smith Hall, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday and Room 206, Payson Smith, at 9 a.m. on Friday.



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In Loco Parentis

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Demand that the university not make a profit by increasing your tuition! The students at Portland wish to join the students at Gorham in creating major university. This cannot be done by ratifying draft reports, voting on misguided motions of administrators or setting back allowing time to tell. It is not the time to have faith; it is the time to challenge.

The Gorham campus does have a great reputation. It has a great teacher education faculty. The student-teacher relationship is excellent. But still something is lacking, perhaps the Debating Club should turn to more relevant issues. Learn to participate in university concerns and one will learn to participate in societal concerns. Unless there is common understanding between the campuses the student voice in this merger will be nil. Students must stand up and refuse to be used as they have been in the past by faculty and administrators alike. If the Gorham students do this they will become beneficial in Loco Parentis.



HEP Conference

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able to the public after a revision in January. He felt that the initial report of HEP (November, 1969) was "healthy for a very brief period of time" as Maine educators showed a spirit of enthusiasm.

No Community College At UMPG

When questioned about where a community college should be located in Southern Maine, Chancellor McNeil's Public Relations Director Bill Roberson, who was present at the news conference, replied that the Board of Trustees is on record as saying that it should be in a mid-coast area, Androscoggin County (Lewiston), or York County (Biddeford), with preference given to the latter two sites. Roberson said that there are currently no plans for a Community college in Cumberland County.

When asked whether he thought one student on the 30-member HEP Commission was enough he replied "probably not." However, he said that if equal student representation were given to every University of Maine campus then the Commission would be too large to be a workable body.

Academic Committee

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Community College was a wise one. Displeasure was also voiced on the placement of the Two-Year Associate Business Program in the College and the placement of the center of the College at Portland.

Questions asked concerning SCOGIS were concerned with the budget and how the faculty in the new program was to be selected. The latter issue, in particular, came under questioning by a number of faculty members.

A revision of the initial draft is currently being prepared by the Academic Committee. After it is completed it will be submitted to the Campus Council at UMP and the College Assembly at Gorham for their additional recommendations. A final report will be given to UMPG acting President William MacLeod by December 14. He will submit it to the University of Maine Board of Trustees for consideration at their January meeting.

Senate Abolishes Club Advisors And Holds Off Further Concerts

The UMP Student Senate Tuesday, Nov. 17, voted to dispense with club and organization advisors, who are usually faculty members, for the campus student groups. In an unrelated action the senate accepted a recommendation to postpone planning for further rock concerts until a sub-committee of the body prepares a final report. The recommendation stipulated that planning could continue for the Winter Carnival in February.

The advisor action of the student governing body was prompted by a constitution submitted by a newly formed UMP literary magazine Lighthouse. The magazine's constitution had not provided for an advisor. The procedure of dropping club advisors was a formality, as the Student Senate Constitution does not require such a position for clubs and organizations.

The cut-back on concerts by the senate was recommended by a four-man senate subcommittee set-up to study recent money losses of campus concerts. The sub-committee did however - and the senate accepted - call for continuing planning for the mid-winter concert. It approved the action saying the planning should be done "with the advice and consent" of the senate. The sub-committee is scheduled to have a final report in a couple of weeks.

In other action, the senate approved the appointment of junior Edward Irish to fill a vacancy on the President's Advisory Committee.



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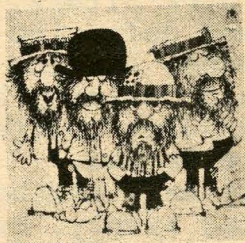
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The first practice will be on Tuesday Dec. 8 from 1-2:00 p.m. and every Tuesday and Thursday.

The volleyball game with Westbrook College has been changed to Nov. 30. The last volleyball game is at Gorham on Dec. 7.

There is a basketball class from 10-11:00 a.m. on Monday-Wednesday any students who wish to play may join that class.

SKI FILMS

At 8:00 p.m. on Dec. 11, Ruedi Wyrsch, Director of the Pleasant Mr. Ski School will show SKI FILMS at the UMP gymnasium. Donation 50¢.

Ski Classes will be offered at Pleasant Mt. on Wednesday afternoons - open to all UMPG students. We hope to have enough interested to hire a bus for transportation to the Mt.

NOTICE TO WOMEN STUDENTS

The State Bowling Tournament will be at Lewiston, sponsored by Bates College, on Jan. 9. Anyone wishing to be on the team should see Miss Willard or leave her number with the secretary in the gymnasium.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Gorham won over UMP JV and Varisty on Thursday Nov. 19: 15-4, 15-9, 15-12.

Intramural Sports

INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL ALL-STAR SELECTIONS

Offensive Team:

QB Jack Sitarz	Joint Tort.
HB Pete DiPietro	Cosa Nostra
HB Pete Detroy	Joint Tort.
E Dave Bergeron	Cosa Nostra
E Dick Emerson	Res Ipsas
C Carl Crose	Res Ipsas

Defensive Team:

Line Don Savage	Cosa Nostra
Line Paul Dionne	Joint Tort.
Line Larry Marshall	Dirty Dozen
Back Dave Bergerson	Cosa Nostra
Back Buzz Atkinson	T.E.P.
Back Joe Jabar	Res Ipsas

Res Ipsas 42 - Frosh Floggers 0

The Res Ipsas used their powerful offensive machine to overcome the Floggers in a one sided affair. It seemed that the lawyers could do no wrong. Both Emerson and Jabar scored heavily for the Res Ipsas, as Daviau enjoyed a good passing day. The Floggers gave it their best as they tried to hold them to 50 points. Jabar, Emerson, and Daviau stood out for the lawyers. Gillespie, Hayden, and Jones gave it a good try for the Floggers.

Joint Tortfeasors 38 - Cosa Nostra 20

The Joint Tort's really put it together in this one as they did everything right in order to win. Jack Sitarz led the offensive and the pass rushing of the defense gave the quarterback little time to set up. Unfortunately three players were hurt, Dave Bergeron, Jeff Welsh, and Pete DiPietro (both left the game). For the lawyers Sitarz, Detroy, Jackson, and Dionne played well. For the Brotherhood Bergeron, Romano, Navarro, DiPietro, Trciano, and Savage stood out in what was a tough loss as they couldn't get loosened up.

The Sixth Man

Several years ago, when the Boston Celtics were at the height of their success, they were frequently given a vital boost in key games by John Havlicek - their "sixth man." So it is with many sports teams. Although success or defeat is largely influenced by the starting players, additional factors often mean the difference between victory and defeat.

During the past few years the UMP basketball team has also had a "sixth man." When they open their schedule this Wednesday night he will be missing. Oh, perhaps to the casual observer, his absence will not be too meaningful as he never dribbled, passed off, or took a shot for a UMP basketball team. Yet, to the players and some of the fans "The Kid" with the golden voice and colorful announcing style will be sorely missed.

We would request those of you who knew Jeff True and knew how much he meant to sports at UMP give a moment of silence in his memory before the start of the Wednesday game.

--Viking Staff

FLAG FOOTBALL HAS NEW CHAMPS

Last Nov. 19 the Res Ipsas literally fell to defeat on a muddy field, as the Joint Tortfeasors controlled the ball, contained the Res Ipsas, and captured the championship of the Flag Football League for 1970. With the great quarterbacking of Jack Sitarz, the offensive and defensive play of Paul Dionne, and the play of John Gould covering Dick Emerson the Joint Tortfeasors could not be denied.

The first half saw both teams scoring evenly, but the Tortfeasors were more confident than the Res Ipsas as the Res Ipsas had to struggle to get on the score board along with the fact they found themselves falling down due to the muddy field. The half-time score was J.T. 14 - R.I. 12.

In the second half the Tortfeasors scored two touchdowns

as the defense played heads up ball. The Res Ipsas tried continuously to get back in the game, but were victims of the clock and the ball control of the Tortfeasors.

To single out individual players is really hard to as it was a team effort for the Joint Tortfeasors. But some recognition is needed for Pete Detroy's outstanding play all year, Steve Jackson's lightning speed, Rick Bayers's good job at end, Paul Dionne's offensive and defensive contributions, John Gould's good defensive play on Dick Emerson, and of course Jack Sitarz's quarterbacking and defensive play as he was the leader of the team, it is at this position that tells whether you win or lose, and with Sitarz there was no doubt in the champion Joint Tortfeasors' minds that they were winners.

Recognition must be given to the Res Ipsas team with players like Joe Jabar, Dick Emerson, Bruce Livingston, Jim Day, Carl Crase, Bob Daviau, Jerry McAullife, Ron Cullenberg, and John Walker you are bound to have a good team. The final won-lost record for the Res Ipsas stands at 23-1. It seems too bad that the lone loss came at their last game of a long win streak, and it took a great team effort by the Joint Tortfeasors to knock them off the number one spot they held for such a long time.

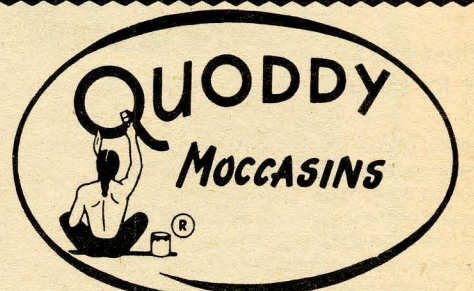
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MALKA SCHWARZ, mezzo soprano

Schwarz and North in Concert Here

Malka Schwarz, a mezzo-soprano, and Frederic North, a tenor, will appear in concert Friday night, Dec. 4, in the Luther Bonney Auditorium. Admission for the 8 p.m. concert will be \$2. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The two singers have been appearing in joint recitals for five seasons. Their concert program includes not only duets, but also arias, songs, and ballads. Their renditions of the sensual duet from "Samson and Dalilah" has won them enormous praise here and abroad.

Malka Schwarz was born in Poland twenty-eight years ago.

She is one of the few operas-Lieder-singers who actually reads writes and speaks the many languages in which she sings. Miss Schwarz is fluent in English, German, Yiddish, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Polish and Hebrew. She makes her home in New York City with her two baby daughters and husband, Mannes, who is in the jewelry business.

Fred North has sung in opera and concert all throughout the United States, Germany and Austria. He was born and grew up in East St. Louis, Illinois. He and his wife, Betty, and son Phillip, live in Jackson Heights, New York.

MESSAGE TO THE MEDIA

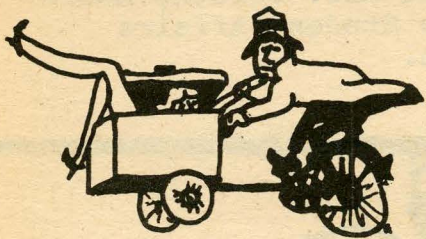
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ICICLES

These eaves have molded icicles
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Social News

Wednesday, Dec. 2

TWO SHORT FILMS will be shown in room 402 of LBH, Portland campus at 11:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m. The films are The Hangman, a 12 min color cartoon that isn't funny, and Chromophobia an 11 min color film from Belgium. The Hangman is an animated version of Maurice Ogden's poem and the contents "knock insistently at the door of our social conscience." In Chromophobia, all color and diversity are destroyed but the flowers won't stand for it. Admission is FREE.

"FORT APACHE" in the John Ford Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in Bailey Hall on the Gorham Campus.

Thursday, Dec. 3

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES will show "A Man Escaped" at 7:30 p.m. in Bailey Hall on the Gorham campus. Admission is FREE.

Friday, Dec. 4

"SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON" in the John Ford Film Series in Bailey Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the Gorham Campus.

MALKA SCHWARTZ AND FREDERICK NORTH, singers will perform at 8:00 p.m. in Luther Bonney Auditorium on the Portland campus. Admission is FREE with a UMPG ID; \$2 to the public.

Saturday, Dec. 5

"RIO GRANDE" in the John Ford Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in LBA on the Portland campus.

Sunday, Dec. 6

"THE SEARCHERS" in the John Ford Film Series in LBA at 7:30 p.m. on the Portland campus.

THERE WILL BE A CONCERT tonight in the Warren Hill Gym on the Gorham Campus of UMPG featuring The CHAMBERS BROTHERS. For details dial 839-3351, and ask for Ext. 393 - Public Information.

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FRANK ZAPPA LIVE
(CONCERT REVIEW NO. 2)

by Greg Callahan &
Bagheera Stump

Those of you who have been reading this column faithfully (I admire your endurance) may remember that my very first column was about Frank Zappa (none other). Naturally, I never expected ol' Frank to show up in Maine in the flesh (and all that crapola), and if I had expected it, I no doubt would have held off my critique (?) of his art. But, of course, what's done is done and two columns on Frank can't do any harm. Besides, now I can say that I've witnessed both sides of Zappa's art (the recorded and the live) which I gotta admit, differ considerably.

Recently, with the advent of the advent of the Hot Rats record, Zappa has been getting more and more into pure music and less and less into obtuse freakiness (there is still a lot of subtle freakiness, however). A loss for some, no doubt. A gain (maybe even a boon) for others. Still others don't care. Do you? Let me know how you feel. Anyway, it's true, if the concert at Gorham (Nov. 15) was at all exemplary.

This doesn't mean that there is no longer any humor. That'd be unthinkable. It's just the opposite, actually, because now the group does entire sketches between songs. The difference lies in the fact that Zappa's musical pieces (not the G.T.O.'s) go uninterrupted by fragmented bits of humor and seemingly erratic sound effects like burps, grunts, and other eccentric diversions. What I'm saying (in my terse, round-about manner) is that Zappa has begun to segregate his humor from his music. That may bring about major changes. But change is the essence of life as we all know, and Frank Zappa is no exception because he knows it too (or at least that's what some very reputable people say). I believe it. Do you?

Two huge posters greeted the audience as they strolled in ("Hi there," they said). It was another gymnasium concert, as was to be expected, and, although I hate gyms for a concert usually, the irony of the ultra-freak Zappa performing in a college gym (particularly a gym in Gorham, Me.) appeals to my perverse sense of humor. The posters (stencils or silk screen of some sort) were two near identical portraits of Zappa in different colors, emphasizing Zappa at his freakiest. An unusual combination of Zappa and Warhol, probably done unconsciously which is the only way to do


it. They also reminded me of those massive blow-ups of Lenin or Mao that you see hung in Red Square or the Peking equivalent thereof. However Zappa is no Communist father figure; he's more of a nihilist Mother figure (pardon the pun).

So these awesomely ominous (or ominously awesome, take yer pick) posters attempted to establish a freaky mood for the concert by portraying Zappa in Satanic splendor. Zappa, being one step above this, came out more conventionally dressed. His hair was shorter and less disarrayed. He looked mildly hip, like he worked in Erebus or something. No ratty fur coat or anything. Oblivious to the audience (that's to be expected; he is, after all, a genius with a capital "G"), he tuned up for about five minutes, while the audience drooled, had orgasms, and made caustic remarks suggesting that Zappa partake in an oral treat. He replied that he was merely there to entertain.

itself). Well, you could have bowled me over with a feather. How hip! How daring! "Well, I went to the Zappa concert, turned on, and just dug the atmosphere, man."

That reminds me of a little anecdote concerning Zappa. It seems that during a Mothers' concert in Germany, there was a raid and a few people were busted for possession. The audience became outraged, but Zappa and crew played on, ignoring the whole thing (When asked why, Zappa responded that if the people were dumb enough to be holding, they deserved their fate). The audience, angered by the Mothers' obvious impassivity, stormed the stage. The Mothers warned the attackers off, however, by turning the amps on full blast, creating an aural blockade. So those oh-so-hip people at Gorham wouldn't have been aided by Frank had they been busted. It was cruddy stuff, anyways, hardly worth the trouble.

Bye for now, duckies.



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The set went well except for poor voice amplification. Zappa's new band of Mothers are a well co-ordinated balance of musicianship (the new group includes Aynsley Dunbar, drummer extraordinaire, and Ian Underwood, organist and straight member of the group) and burlesque comedy (provided by two ex-Turtles). Zappa ran the show with masterful conducting, which was amazingly proficient, but somewhat cold and nearly stuffy.

The set ended with a free-form jazz rooted number which had 'em dancing all over the place and clapping in time. Zappa must have been shocked by this reaction. After all, the Mothers were not exactly designed to be Sly & the Family Stone. I could use this as an opportunity to launch off into an eloquent discussion of the Apollonian vs. the Dionysian aspects of rock, but you don't want to hear that pseudo-intellectual crap, now do you? Besides, I'm running out of space.

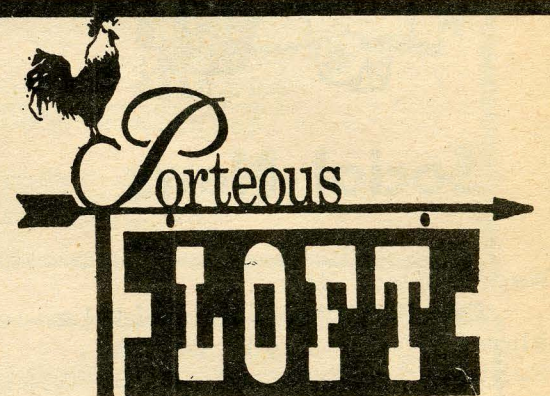
Oh yeah, I nearly forgot to tell you that the people sitting next to me were smoking MARIJUANA (the evil weed,

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